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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed March 28, 2002, having a shortened period for response set to expire on June 28, 2002. A petition and fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to August 28, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Pursuant to the enclosed separate Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes, amendment to FIG. 7 is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please ADD new claim 23 as follows:

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